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# HOLLAND AND BELGIUM CAUGHT IN IMPERIALIST WAR AS NAZIS ADVANCE

## This Is Not Our War-- Keep U.S. Out of It

An Editorial

TWO more nations have been engulfed overnight in the fires of war.

The imperialist bandits in each country—the Anglo-French and Hitler bandits—a handful of the population—are turning the world into a madhouse of murder. The working people of these countries, who have no quarrel whatever with each other, are being flung into battle to murder each other for the sake of the rulers back home.

What will happen to the United States, to the American people? This is the burning question of the hour for us.

Can the American people have any confidence that the government of President Roosevelt will keep them at peace, will protect them from repeating the crime of Wilson's 1917?

Every act of the Roosevelt Government, no matter how it has been cloaked, is a warning that the people of these United States cannot have the slightest confidence on this issue as it concerns the White House.

The White House has already plunged this country deep into the cause of the Allied imperialists who are battling to defend their ill-gotten loot against the demands of its rival, German imperialism.

Planes, munitions, and every form of diplomatic aid, have already gone from the White House to the British Empire. The latest events will unquestionably be used by these forces for a new and feverish drive toward an active military plunge into the slaughter.

Wall Street and the White House are united in their belief that this spread of war, to which they have energetically contributed, provides American imperialism with a golden opportunity to seize a colonial empire for Wall Street.

Here is the terrible danger to the American people today, the danger of a more terrible 1917.

President Roosevelt cannot escape the share of responsibility for the criminal spread of the war. Both capitalist parties, Democrat and Republican, have supported every pro-war action of the Administration in a "national unity" of war profits and imperialist expansion.

The House of Commons, with the British Labor Party (Socialist) leading the pack, roared for "more war" and "more aggressive measures." U. S. imperialism encouraged this cry. They clamored for precisely the same kind of wanton invasion as Hitler's. The one planned to strike; the other struck. Both are steeped in the same guilt.

The innocent people of the Netherlands are paying the price for this imperialist conspiracy and for the pro-war "huckstering neutrality" of their own capitalist governments which played the imperialist game.

American imperialism is now trying the old lies and the old promises. The old appeals and the new catchwords will be used to bait the trap of Dollar Diplomacy.

It has already begun, in fact.

But it is vile hypocrisy for those who support this war, and those who have encouraged its spreading at every stage, to pretend horror now at the latest brutal act of the war, Hitler's invasion of the Low Lands.

The war is eight months old. It was a crime to begin with. It is generating new crimes on both sides. One side strikes brutally. The other side answers brutally. One side threatens brutally. The other side leaps in and strikes in advance. Every single act of provocation and invasion—on both sides—has been a criminally inevitable consequence of the war itself.

"The day before Hitler struck," writes Mr. Ludwell Denny in the World-Telegram, "President Roosevelt ordered the fleet to remain between Hawaii and Japan."

What have the rubber plantations of the Dutch East Indies got to do with "ideals" or "democracy"?

About as much as the phony promises of Wilson in 1917 had to do with it.

In 1916, men like Debs, Browder and Ruthenberg went to jail for saying the "war for democracy" was a fake. It took the lives of our young boys and world-wide misery after the World War to prove they were right.

In 1914, the Socialists and "liberals" lied to the people in each country. The German Socialists said the Kaiser "was bad, but that the Czar was worse." In the first World War the Russian traitors to the people said, the "Czar was bad but the Kaiser was worse." The English Socialists said the same. Each found a reason for "choosing the lesser evil." They are playing the same criminal game all over again today.

The German rulers want to grab what they lost in the last war—they want new victims for exploitation. They call this "liberation."

The British and French rulers want to hold on to what they have already grabbed. They call this "civilization."

The United States, Japan, Italy are carefully eyeing the "main chance." They want to grab too while the

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## Churchill Heads New British War Cabinet

### Expect Laborites to Join New War Cabinet Along With Lloyd George

LONDON, May 10 (UP)—Neville Chamberlain, resigned as head of the British government tonight to make way for Winston Churchill, Britain's war lord.

Chamberlain—now 71—drove from historic No. 10 Downing Street to Buckingham Palace and told King George VI that he could not carry on against demands for a new government.

The King accepted his resignation and invited Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty and senior service officer, to form a Cabinet. Churchill arrived at Buckingham Palace five minutes after Chamberlain drove away and accepted immediate.

Chamberlain in a short radio-cast to the nation said he saw it was his duty to resign, announced his willingness to serve in Churchill's Cabinet and urged the British people to unite behind the new Prime Minister.

After denouncing Adolf Hitler as a "wild beast," Chamberlain ended his speech abruptly in the most savage tones of voice ever employed over the British broadcasting system.

Churchill's first act as Prime Minister was to ask all ministers to remain at their posts until a new government was organized. His Cabinet, embracing Conservatives, Laborites and Liberals, was expected to include his old friend David Lloyd-George, fiery oratorical dean of the House of Com-

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## AFL Metal Lathers New Gov't Victim

Another union and five of its officers came under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act hammer yesterday.

This time the indictment by the Anti-Trust division of the Department of Justice is against Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers International Union of the A. F. of L.

The officers named in the indictments are Walter M. Matthews, 1610 Mahan Ave., secretary-treasurer and business manager of the local; Michael J. Finn, 75-16 183rd St., Flushing; Herbert T. Spillane, 75-03 138th St., Flushing; Leonard Klink, 210 E. 124th St., and Charles P. Coleman, 1312 Ade St., all agents of the local.

## Report Navy on Way to E. Indies; U. S. Chief Denies

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, today flatly denied reports that the U. S. battle fleet will leave Hawaii for the Philippines, purportedly to head off any possible move by Japan against the Dutch East Indies which supply this country with most of its rubber and tin. The administration has insisted that there be no change in the status of these islands regardless of European developments.

## 'War Babies' Spurt On Market As War Spreads

(By United Press)  
Invasion of the Low Countries brought the most turbulent trading of the year into the stock market yesterday. Around noon the list was lower, with Chrysler down almost 5 points. Earlier, "war-babies" had set up gains running to more than 3 points.



By Ellis

## SHALL 1917'S TRAGEDY BE REPEATED?

### THE STAKES IN THIS WAR

Great Britain has a population of 46,000,000. The British ruling class enslaves a colonial empire of 480,000,000 people. France has a population of 42,000,000. Its 200 Families rule a colonial empire of 70,000,000.

Germany, which lost its colonies after the first imperialist war, is now fighting to rebuild and expand its lost empire. Great Britain and France are fighting to retain and extend their empires.

### WHAT WALL STREET WON IN THE LAST WAR

1. 18,000 new millionaires were created
2. The profits of American corporations increased in the years 1916-18 by 5 billion dollars over their profits of 1914-16.
3. American imperialism seized profitable trade from its rivals, winning domination of the Canadian and Latin-American markets—a domination which it hopes to expand today into a world empire.

### WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GOT

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|--------------------------|---------|
| 1. Killed and Died ..... | 126,000 |
| Wounded .....            | 234,000 |
| Total .....              | 350,000 |
- (Total killed in all countries 8,538,000; wounded: 21,210,000.)
2. Prices of daily necessities rose from 50 to 100 per cent.
  3. The people were saddled with the 10 billion dollar debt on which the Allies had defaulted and on which Wall St. collected.
  4. The people inherited an economic crisis immediately after the war, which inevitably laid the basis for the overwhelming crisis of 1929 and for the unemployment reaching 12,000,000 today.

### THE FIRST STEP

#### THEN

Aug. 1914—President Wilson proclaims U. S. neutrality "in thought as well as in deed."

Sept. 1914—Bethlehem Steel gets largest munitions order ever given by Europe to a U. S. concern.

Oct. 1914—DuPont munitions corporation gets its first big Allied order.

March 5, 1917—Wilson's Ambassador Page cables the President from London: "The pressure of the approaching financial crisis has gone beyond the ability of the Morgan financial agency for the British and French governments. . . . It is not improbable that the only way of maintaining our pre-eminent trade position and averting a panic is by declaring war on Germany."



#### NOW

Sept. 1939—President Roosevelt proclaims "neutrality in deed but not in thought" and secures revision of the Neutrality Act.

April 1939—Roosevelt okays a billion-dollar sale of planes to the Allies.

April 1940—Wall Street and the Administration begin undercover drive to repeat the Johnson Act and grant credits to the Allies. "Outlook for the Security Markets," a Wall Street financial bulletin, declares: "Many American individuals and corporations have investments in the Allied countries much larger than the investments in Germany which they have now largely written off, and an Allied defeat might mean that these investments face the same fate."

## Lowland Drive Smashing Ahead Berlin Claims

BERLIN, May 10 (UP)—German forces were reported to be smashing steadily through Belgium and the Netherlands tonight after crushing Luxembourg in a gigantic drive for quick mastery of all Western Europe.

The High Command boasted jubilantly that enemy resistance had been broken in the frontier provinces of the Lowland.

Successes were claimed on every hand. The Germans were reported to have captured the Dutch town of Maasrich, some 20 miles inside the frontier on the Maas River and near the Belgian frontier.

The fall of the Belgian city of Malmedy, south of Maastricht and 15 miles inside Belgium, also was claimed. Several bridges on the Albert Canal, primary Belgian defense line, were said to be in German hands.

The Maasrich fortress, key stronghold in the Dutch defense system, had fallen to the Germans, authorized

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## Dutch Claim Nazi Drive Stalled in Fierce Battles

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (UP)—The commander-in-chief of the Dutch armed forces reported tonight that Germany's invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg had been stalled by the fierce resistance of Dutch and Belgian troops along the waterline defenses of the Low countries.

"Thanks to the grand defense of our troops the strategic surprise attack of the enemy has failed," said Lieutenant General Henri Gerard Winkelman, the Netherlands Supreme Commander, in an order of the day to his troops.

The High Command said that Hitler's hopes for a quick knockout blow aimed at providing bases for "total

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## Nazi Drive Halted, Belgian Army Says

BRUSSELS, May 10 (UP)—Belgium's armed forces under personal command of King Leopold III were reported in a military communiqué tonight to have halted the invading German army at the frontier while Nazi warplanes swept upon Brussels, Antwerp and other centers in bombing attacks.

Belgian and Allied planes battled the Germans in the air at several points.

King Leopold and his government rejected a German ultimatum demanding complete submission under threat of "destruction and loss of independence."

German planes bombarded an airfield area on the outskirts of Brussels for an hour and a half this morning.

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## FDR 'Speculates' on U.S. Keeping Out of War

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—President Roosevelt said at a press conference that a question concerning this country's ability to stay out of the war was a speculative one.

In his next breath he cautioned the newsmen not to interpret his remark as indicating the United States may become involved. Then he said the latest Nazi aggression had not changed the situation as outlined by him last Fall.

At that time the President said he hoped and believed this nation would keep out of war and he pledged that he would do all in his power to prevent a "blackout of peace" here.

Commenting directly on the Nazi move into Belgium,

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## F.D.R. Aide's War Fund Plan Scored by Senators

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—Two Senators today denounced as "outrageous" the \$20,000,000 wartime finance plan outlined to army officials by SEC Chairman Frank.

Frank's proposal, which would curtail civilian expenditures and normal savings to supply armament needs in wartime, is a form of the forced loan plan evolved for Great Britain by J. M. Keynes, British economist.

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# SPREAD OF WAR DEMANDS GREATER EFFORT TO KEEP U.S. OUT, FOSTER SAYS

## Chinese Longshoremen, Tailors Win Pay Rise

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

SHANGHAI, May 10.—A 15 per cent wage increase was won today by about 2,000 tailors in a local factory and smaller shops after a strike of several days. The principal demand in the strike was the wage increase to make up for the sharp increase in the cost of living.

A strike of 500 workers on the British docks here ended Wednesday, likewise with a 15 per cent wage increase. The strike had been on since May 9. This strike was the largest and longest in the last three years.

The workers' victory is considered here as a substantial gain for all Shanghai workers.

More than 500 workers at the Anglo-China Lumber Co. sawmill declared a strike on Tuesday. A strike threat has been presented to the British Jardine and Madison Co. by several hundred employees demanding a wage increase.

## Lowland Drive Pushing Ahead, Berlin Claims

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spokesmen said, and some 3,000 prisoners were taken with it.

"German troops in the early afternoon reached the Yssel and the Meuse was crossed at several points on Netherland territory," the official news agency said tonight.

"Maastricht and bridges over the Albert Canal west of the city are in German hands. Malmedy is taken."

Farther south, "German troops advancing through Luxembourg crossed the Belgian border."

Among the ranking claims of the Germans were occupation of the Hague, capital of the Netherlands; the total destruction of three French airfields and damaging of many others; and the mastery of all worthwhile Dutch and Belgian airports together with the "successful" bombing of those at Antwerp and Brussels.

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killing about 37 persons, wounding 61 and destroying or setting afire many houses. Several houses were destroyed against Great Britain had been thwarted.

A Dutch communique told of "desperate" fighting to back the green-grey German forces along the IJssel and Maas rivers and along the northeast coast opposite Emden.

The Germans, who landed parachute troops at several strategic points, battled to occupy Rotterdam, just southeast of the Hague in the heart of the city while gunfire echoed through the streets where the Germans were fighting.

The Germans made several attempts to land parachute troops along the seacoast while other planes dropped thousands of pamphlets calling upon the Dutch people to surrender without resistance.

Air battles were fought over many cities and towns in Holland, Belgium, France and Switzerland: German planes also bombed a railroad station near Basle, on the German-Swiss border.

### NO ALLIED TROOPS

Tonight there had been no indication of the landing of a British expeditionary force in Holland although both British and French planes had been rushed to the aid of the Low Countries.

However, Allied mechanized troops striking north across the Belgian border from the English Channel flank of the Maginot Line were reported driving rapidly across Belgium over military highways to meet the Germans.

It was a race between Allies and Germans to see which would be the first to reach the Albert Canal along the Dutch-Belgium frontier—the key line of defense of the Low Countries.

Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg appealed to the Allies for aid after 50-year-old Queen Wilhelmina had appealed to her people to resist the invaders and King Leopold III of the Belgians had followed the World War example of his father and taken command of Belgium's armed forces.

The Luxembourg government, without an army to resist the Germans, crossed the frontier into Belgium bringing the archives and national treasury.

The Dutch High Command communique indicated that fighting was progressing at three main points and many scattered places as result of Hitler's attempt to take the Low Countries and Luxembourg under Nazi "protection" and foil an alleged Allied invasion plot.

### French Predict Italy Will Stay Neutral

PARIS, May 10 (UP)—A French spokesman said today that the impression in Paris was that war would continue in a state of non-belligerency regardless of the German invasion of the Low Countries. The spokesman added that Spain was pledged to neutrality.

### THREE SECTORS

The three sectors of heavy fighting were:

1—Along the IJssel River, where the Germans were reported using small flat-bottomed naval boats in

## Urge Greater Effort to Keep America Out

### Keynotes Nominating Rally of Section in Yorkville

Representatives of Yorkville's many nationalities crowded into Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th St., last night for the public opening of the Nominating Convention of the Yorkville Communist Party, and cheered William Z. Foster thunderously as he sounded grave warning of the increased danger that the United States might be stamped into the war abroad.

German, Irish, Hungarian, Negro and Italian workers were united in the audience and demonstrated the determination of the American people to stay at peace.

The convention, which will run through today and tomorrow, will nominate candidates for State Senator, Congressman and Assemblyman, and will adopt an election program for peace, jobs, and civil rights.

Other speakers at the opening session included George Lohr, chairman of the Yorkville Communist Party, and Edward Fodor, chairman of the 16th Assembly District Branch.

### DANGER GROWS

Foster in his keynote address opening the three-day convention, sounded the warning that with the sudden intensification of the imperialist war on the Western Front, the danger of the United States being stamped into the conflict is far greater than ever before.

The United States government is definitely committed to the support of the Allies, he said, and has actively assisted them since the war began. The greater the need, the greater the support by Roosevelt, he declared, and warned that only the intensification of the struggle of the peace forces of the country can keep the United States out.

Speaking of the spread of the war itself, Foster declared that with this new offensive millions are facing slaughter in the conflict between Germany and Great Britain for world mastery. With this intensification on many fronts, humanity is facing the greatest butchery in its history, he said.

### CAPITALISM MUST GO

Capitalism has gone mad, he charged. The capitalists of the world are gambling with the very existence of the capitalist system, but before it is settled the workers will have their say. It is high time, he said, that the workers of the world put an end to the capitalist system which is responsible for this butchery.

He emphasized the brutality of the war-making governments by pointing out that this war could have been avoided if the governments of Great Britain, France and the United States had accepted the proposal of the USSR for a peace front.

Great Britain, he said, bears the greatest responsibility for the defeat of that peace policy, but he declared that the Roosevelt government also shares a heavy responsibility by having failed to support the Soviet Union in its efforts to stop off war.

In addition, he pointed out that the Social-Democrats, by their sabotage of the Soviet Union's peace program, are like their imperialist masters, similarly responsible for the war today.

At Delfzyl, across the bay from the German base at Emden in the North tip of Holland. In this sector the Dutch "maintained their positions" against the German attack, the High Command said.

It was presumed that the German forces fighting in the Streets of Rotterdam had landed from the sea, somewhere near the hook of Holland.

3—Along the Maas River, along the German-Dutch border inside Holland in the Southern part of the nation.

Both Marin and Ybarnegaray were named Ministers of State and members of the War Council.

The French Premier, fighting to bolster his government in the face of the Allied defeat in Norway, said he was retaining only four under-secretaries now in the government and that all other under-secretaries have resigned.

"Because of present circumstances," Reynaud said, "it was considered necessary to proceed with cabinet reorganization with the participation of all parties."

Shortly after this announcement, Reynaud broadcast a message to the People of France, informing them that French troops were now fighting the Germans alongside the Belgians.

## Mother's Day for Peace



### KEEP U.S. OUT OF WAR

NEW YORK PEACE ASSOCIATION 1133 BROADWAY, N.Y.

Issued by the New York Peace Association, this post card is a special Mother's Day token to keep America out of war. Sons and husbands can send this card to mothers, wives, sweethearts and sisters not only on Mother's Day but every day in the year in the struggle to maintain peace. Cards may be purchased at New York Peace Association, 1133 Broadway for a nominal sum.

Interests over the Dutch East Indies.

He said another great danger is the widespread illusion amongst the masses that Roosevelt is following a policy of neutrality. Above all, he pointed out, it is necessary to teach the masses that the Roosevelt policy is a war policy.

Foster described the aims of American imperialism as hoping to grab markets while its main rivals are busy at war. They hope to reap great profits through the sale of munitions, to grab territories, to make a general stand for the imperialist domination of the world, and to smash the Soviet Union.

He dwelt at length on the un-neutral steps which Roosevelt has taken in support of the Allies, and declared that American imperialists believe they can better obtain their objectives in this war through such support.

The immediate answer to all this, he pointed out, lies in the immediate practical tasks of the election campaign. Above all, he warned, it is necessary to expose the imperialist character of the war, to unmask the war policy of the Roosevelt administration, and to fight the harder for the immediate economic and political demands of the people.

All of this, he said, lends unusually great significance to the candidates of the Communist Party in the coming elections.

### MOTHER'S DAY

Spurs Fight to

Keep Peace

### 200 at Luncheon Hear

Dr. Rubenstein,

Peace Leader

### Mothers Say No in 1940

Dr. Anne Rubenstein, vice-president of

the New York Peace Association,

leader of the West Side Peace Com-

mittee and headmistress of the

Robert T. Stevenson School, told

more than 200 mothers at a

Mother's Peace Luncheon yesterday

afternoon.

Held under the auspices of the

New York Peace Association with

the cooperation of the Manhattan

Council for Civil Rights, the luncheon

was the first in a long series of actions to be taken in behalf of Mother's Peace Day, May 12.

Talking for progressive mothers,

Dr. Rubenstein told her audience

that sentiments for peace already

exist in America, that 96 per cent

of the people are against war and

that the immediate job facing the

people is the activation of the

peace forces of the country.

"We must raise our voices from

coast to coast so that all who want

to keep this country out of war will

know that they are part of a uni-

fied, united peace bloc fighting

against war loans and war involve-

ment. No government can force 96

per cent of its people into a war

they do not want. We must work

quickly at this moment. The war-

mongers are doing everything to get

us in."

### NOTHING TO GAIN

Stating that this war is no more

a war for democracy than the last

one was, she pointed out that the

working, common people have

nothing to gain from imperialist

wars.

Audrey Moore, leading Negro

woman leader, told the group that

resolutions passed at meetings and

conventions were no longer enough

to keep this country out of war.

"We must actively participate in

the fight for democracy at home.

During jobs, peace and civil rights

to all the people, Negro and white,"

she told the applauding women.

The Negro leader described the

plight of the Negro people living in

Dixie's backwoods. Denouncing the

oppression of the Negro people, by the

reactionaries of the North and

South, she called for support of the

anti-lynching bill and Geyer anti-

poll-tax bill.

Resolutions were passed by the

gathering condemning lynching and

poll-tax and calling for their imme-

diate stoppage. Mrs. Mary

Fanelle, speaking for 4,000 mothers

in the League of Mothers Clubs,

greeted the group. Ruth McKen-

ney, well-known author, denounced

the capitalist press for the handling

of international and national news.

She pointed out that the press was

guilty of direct and indirect lies

and false emphasis. Working for

the vested interests of Wall Street,

they withheld and distorted the

news of progressive peace activities

and labor gains of the people.

### GERMANS SEIZED IN DUTCH E. INDIES

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, May 10 (UP)—All Germans in the colony of Curacao, comprising the islands of Curacao, Aruba and Bonaire, were interned today and the governor proclaimed martial law.

The Germans were rounded up here and at Aruba during the night after news of the Nazi invasion of Holland was received.

Those seized were taken to Bonaire for inter-

ment, while those at Aruba were

placed in a concentration camp on

that island.

### IN TOMORROW'S SUNDAY WORKER

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# Freiheit Anniversary Rally Tonight to Hear Earl Browder

## Garden Meeting To Be Peace Demonstration

Novick, Freiheit Editor Also to Address 18th Anniversary Fete

Earl Browder will be the main speaker tonight at Madison Square Garden, where the 18th anniversary celebration of the Morning Freiheit will take place. The meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 7:30 P.M.

Besides celebrating the 18th anniversary of the Morning Freiheit, the meeting will be a demonstration against the slanders of Abe Cahan, old guard "Socialist" editor of the "Jewish Daily Forward," who from the same platform a week ago declared that the Jewish people must actively support the war aims of British and French imperialism. Cahan also indicated that he favored increasing the war measures of the Roosevelt administration.

Browder will present in detail the program of the Communist Party for crushing anti-Semitism, and he will show the progressive role that the Jewish masses can play in opposition to the imperialist war-mongers and their agents within the ranks of labor, the Social Democrats.

Other speakers at the meeting will be William Wiener, national treasurer of the Communist Party, and Paul Novick, successor of M.J. Ogin as editor of the Morning Freiheit. Ben Gold, recently convicted on a trumped-up "conspiracy" charge, will bring greetings to the meeting from the fur workers.

The entertainment arranged will measure up to the traditional high standards of Morning Freiheit anniversary celebrations. Viola Philo, Metropolitan Opera singer and star of Radio City, will sing American, Russian and Yiddish folk songs.

The Yiddish Philharmonic Choral Society, which is scheduled to perform on July 4 at the Lewisohn Stadium with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under Alexander Smallens, will sing under the direction of Max Helfman. The Benyomen Folks Quintet will sing an accompaniment to the Jewish folk dancing of the Benjamin Zemach Dance Ensemble. "Zigeunerweisen," by Sarasate, and "On Wings of Song," by Mendelssohn-Achiron, will be played by Eudice Shapiro, a brilliant young violinist.

## Bergen County Labor Backs Mahwah Strike

### 300 Workers Enter 2nd Week of Struggle With Ranks Solid

MAHWAH, N. J., May 10.—The strike of 300 workers of the Mahwah plant of the American Breakblock Co. went into the second week today with ranks solid.

Organized labor of Bergen county rallied financial and other support while the strikers kept a 24-hour picket line going.

The workers belong to Federal Union 21088 of the A. F. of L. The union was given a five-to-one majority in a National Labor Board election but the management persists in its refusal to negotiate a union contract.

A delegation of strikers was given credentials by the Industrial and Labor Union Council of Edgewater to visit all affiliates for support. The Aluminum union was the first to give aid.

Wives of strikers are setting up kitchens starting Monday morning. Support for it is coming from the town's tradesmen and friends of strikers.

## Jamaica Law Would Ban Books 'Suggesting Ideas'

### Kingston Governor Drafts Law Which, If Passed, Would Bar All Liberal Publications From British Colony, Imprison Offenders

Following the Hitler pattern of book burning and the outlawing of all freedom of intellectual thought, a vicious bill designed to prohibit the importation of books and other printed matter has been drafted by the Governor of Kingston, Jamaica, and will be introduced for enactment when the Legislative Council reassembles on the 14th of this month.

Except of the proposed law, published in the April 27th issue of *British Opinion*, a liberal magazine, include the outlawing of all "written or printed matter and everything, whether of a nature similar to written or printed matter or not, containing any visible representation, or by its form or shape or in any manner capable of suggesting words or ideas..."

The Governor of the Island, if the law is enacted, will have the sole power to bar the importation of any publication or periodical which he deems is contrary to the "public interest." Penalty for importing, publishing, selling or reproducing of any publication which has been prohibited by the Governor is "summary conviction to imprisonment with or without hard labor for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine."

**YEAR IMPRISONMENT**

Any person found in possession of any prohibited publication will be liable to summary conviction of 12 months and a fine of \$50 pounds.

All provisions of this law are to apply to the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Cayman Islands. The Governor of the Island will have "absolute discretion" in enforcing the law, and there is no appeal from his decision.

It is clear that this piece of legislation is intended to suppress all opposition of the exploited and robed Negroes of Jamaica to Great Britain.

The nominating session will be held Sunday, May 19 at the Daily Theatre, 44th St. and B'way and will be open to the public. Henry Forbes, member of the State Committee of the Communist Party, William Browder, chairman of the Eleventh A.D. and Sam Dugan, will be the main speakers.

May 12, 1075 86th St., West Brooklyn, arranged by all West End IWO Women's Clubs, with Francis Bryant, National Maritime Union organizer, as speaker.

May 12, 110 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, 2:30 P.M.

May 12, 161st St. and Third Ave., open-air rally, 1 P.M.

May 18, Herman Ridder High School, 173rd St. and Boston Road,

## Peace to Be Keynote on Mother's Day

### Noted Women Leaders To Speak at City Wide Rallies

All over New York City, from the Bronx to Staten Island, from Coney Island to the Lower East Side of Manhattan, women will gather on Mother's Day to make it known that they do not want to be the Gold Star Mothers of tomorrow.

Mother Ella Reeve Bloch will be the main speaker at a Mother's Day celebration on Sunday, May 12, at 77 Fifth Ave., under the auspices of the Lincoln Steffens Lodge of the International Workers' Order.

Margaret Cowell, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, will be the principal speaker at an East Harlem celebration on Sunday at 3 P.M. at 1888 Third Ave., near 104th St., under the auspices of the Vergani Branch of the Communist Party.

Helen Hall, prominent social worker, and other women leaders will speak at a Mother's Day Forum on "Peace and War" at the Grand St. Playhouse of the Henry St. Settlement, 466 Grand St., on Monday, May 13, at 8 P.M.

May 9, Concordia Hall, 4830 15th Ave., Brooklyn, IWO Women's Club, 568 and 71.

May 10, Hoffman's Restaurant, 1130 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, 8:30 P.M., arranged by the 18th A.D. Kings County Communist Party, with Sadie Van Veen as principal speaker.

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## Flynn Ties Early Attacks Upon Labor with Present Drive on CP

### Famous Woman Communist Leader Tells of Glorious Working Class Struggles of Past; Urges Funds for Defense

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, veteran fighter for civil rights, today issued an appeal for funds to provide effective legal defense for Communist leaders facing prison sentences or awaiting trial.

Seated at her desk in the offices of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists, 799 Broadway, Miss Flynn recalled that this is not the first time she has been associated with the defense of political prisoners.

She was identified with the free speech fight of the IWW in the northwest before she was 20. She spoke and raised funds for such illustrious labor martyrs as Moyers, Pettibone and Haywood, Sacco and Vanzetti, Joe Hill and others. A co-worker of the Irish revolutionary James Connolly, and an associate of Gene Debs, Lucy Parsons, Tom Mooney, she urged today that funds be sent to her for the appeal of Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and C. A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker.

"The fight for freedom of Communists is in the same great tradition as those glorious free speech struggles of the past," she said. "They have the same vital bearing on the future of democracy and peace. Tens of thousands of people are learning what the Communists stand for through these trials. They are beginning to understand that we are the only anti-imperialist war party in the country. The prosecutions are beginning to react against the prosecutors."

#### PROUD OF LIFE

After 20 years of membership in the American Civil Liberties Union, Miss Flynn was recently expelled from the union by a vote of its board of directors because of her membership in the Communist Party.

Loking back on 33 years of militant struggle in the labor movement, she said today:

"If I had my life to live over again, I would do the same type of work only better, I hope. The past is only important as lessons for the

present and inspiration for the future. We cannot live either in or for the past. It isn't what we have done that counts; it's what we are doing today. When I see the CIO in America today, I am proud of the years I spent as an agitator for industrial unionism. Thirty-three years ago I started to work for Socialism in America. I still believe it is necessary and inevitable as the fundamental solution of poverty, unemployment, insecurity and exploitation. That's why I am a member of the Communist Party today. At 46 I again choose it. This time with mature judgment and an accumulation of reasons. I hope and believe I will live to see Socialism in my country. I am doing all in my power to bring it about."



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## Judge Refuses To Dismiss Teamster Case

Defense Blasts Application of 'Anti-Rackets' Act Against Unions

Federal Judge Murray Hubert yesterday denied motions to dismiss indictments against Teamsters Local 807 and the defendant truck drivers.

In the case of six of the 28 defendants remaining on trial he reserved decision until Monday morning when the defense will begin to put forward its case.

The number of dismissals grew to eight yesterday morning when at the outset of the court session U. S. Attorney John T. Cahill moved that the case be dropped against Carl Cacomer.

In denying the motions, Judge Hubert indicated that his basis is the claim that employers of other cities who employed union labor were forced to hire local New York union labor when their trucks entered city limits, and that constituted an "unreasonable burden" upon interstate commerce.

Louis B. Boudin, presented the main argument for Local 807. Edward G. Maguire made the motions for dismissal in the case of each of the defendants.

For nearly an hour Boudin reviewed the government's four weeks of evidence to show that there is absolutely no proof to connect the union and defendants to a "conspiracy" to violate the Sherman Act or the Anti-Rackets Act. He further declared that neither of the acts could apply against a legitimate labor organization.

### ACT DOESN'T APPLY

Boudin for the first time gave a soundly out review before a court of the inapplicability of the Anti-Rackets Act against a bona fide union. Two words in that act, he said, are cited in order to bring labor unions within its scope—"bonafide" and "lawfully"—in respect to character of activities and organizations. He then proceeded to show that the policy of Local 807 in 1937-38 which resulted in the indictment, was based on "bonafide" and "lawful" procedure.

To protect employment for its members and block serious competition from low-paid and chiefly unorganized drivers of firms along the entire Atlantic seaboard, the union insisted upon contracts providing that within city limits Local 807 men would be hired at the rate of \$9.42 a day to load and unload trucks.

Boudin pointed out that in each of the two years signed contracts under which the loading and unloading of over-the-road trucks was performed here.

"The contracts in evidence show clearly that the Anti-Rackets Act could not apply in this case," said Boudin. "The purpose of the statute is to prevent shakedowns."

The evidence showed that Local 807 followed a "bonafide" practice in pressing the employers for contracts.

### CITES UNION'S PURPOSE

"The purpose was to provide employment for the men, not a shakedown. There is no question that these men were bonafide employees. They were giving their services for what they were paid."

The government's claim that "threats" and "violence" was employed to bring employers to terms, Boudin said, does not apply in the case, even if true. There is no proof that the union authorized such practices and he rather pointed to evidence that such acts were on the responsibility of individuals. Boudin added that "there are plenty of laws to prevent assault" and that such acts need not be linked to a so-called conspiracy to come under prosecution in a Federal Court.

He further stressed that the alleged acts of violence, if they did occur, really went against what the government called the "conspiracy," since the evidence showed how employers on several occasions made agreements with individuals and later when they had complaints ran to union officials. They were then told that the union is responsible only in cases where a regular contract is signed.

"The evidence is," Boudin added, "that the 'conspiracy' was to ob-

### FBI Men Couldn't Stand Teamsters'

#### Defense Poster

A poster asking for support of the defense of Teamsters, Local 807, now on trial, placed in a window of the Empire Sandwich Shop directly across from the Federal Court House on Foley Square, was too much for the FBI.

The poster was out of the window because they don't like it, the men on trial who had been eating there were told.

Upon inquiry by the Daily Worker, the cashier said:

"They (the FEI men) eat here. One of them men advised us that it would be better if we took the poster out of the window."

tain contracts for an eight-hour day at \$9.42 and \$8.42. The union as such objected to separate agreement by the men."

Disputes arose only where the union had no control, he explained. The fact that in some cases men did not perform a full day's work for the \$9.42 or gave similar ground for complaint was rather in violation of the union's policy not in compliance with it, Boudin said.

In absence of the union as the "conspirator," Boudin said, there is no combination for a conspiracy.

In the argument on the Sherman Act, Boudin said, the statute is primarily to prevent monopoly and prevent price fixing."

"But there is nothing in the evidence that the defendants acted in concert to raise the price of anything but the price of their labor," he said.

He added that under the Clayton Act, "a union cannot be declared a monopoly or an organization aiming to restrain interstate commerce." This, he stressed, is despite the fact that a union does aim to "monopolize"—to get all workers in the field—into its ranks.

## Case Dropped Against Two Fronters'

### Men Freed Were Said to Be Underlings in Terror Mob

Upon motion of defense attorneys, Judge Marcus Campbell, presiding over the sedition trial against Christian Front defendants, acquitted two of the defendants yesterday.

The acquitted men were Edward L. Walsh and George M. Kelly, which left fourteen more defendants facing the Federal Court trial for alleged conspiracy to overthrow the government. Seventeen were originally on trial, among them John T. Prout, Jr., a captain in the 165th Infantry of the National Guard.

Another defendant, Claus Gunther Ernecke, committed suicide after having been arraigned.

Walsh, aged 23, of 94 Brook Ave., the Bronx, the prosecution had charged, allegedly attended several meetings of the Christian Fronters where the so-called "plots" were discussed. In acquitting him Judge Campbell said Walsh may have been in the home where the meeting was held "innocently."

Kelly, aged 24, a Brooklyn swimming instructor was dismissed when the judge decided that he did not appear to have a very clear apprehension of what it was all about.

In dismissing Kelly, however, the judge referred to the fact that Kelly was known for his anti-Semitic utterances.

Immediately following the acquittal of the two the defense placed Capt. Prout on the stand as its first witness.

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## Hack Strikers To Picket Fair Today

### Strikers Picket Harlem, Manhattan and Brooklyn

Hackers of the Transport Workers Union are picketing the opening of the New York World's fair of 1940 this morning to tell Mayor LaGuardia that it's about time he stepped into the situation and brought about a settlement.

Yesterday afternoon the cab drivers had three picket lines, one at the Penn station, one in Harlem and one in Brooklyn.

#### FIRST AID TO SCAB

The police at the Penn station had little to do except from one of the scab drivers ran out of gas just as he was pulling into the station with a fare. A motorcycle cop and a patrolman put their shoulders literally to the wheel and pushed the scab driver until he reached the incline where his scab cab could roll down the ramp.

The Harlem picket line was a special appeal to Negro drivers to resist the blandishments of the Parmelee company which has been attempting to recruit them to scab in the present strike.

The pickets carried signs which pointed out that the T. W. U. was the union which forced the company to abandon its "illy-white" policy and employ Negro drivers in every part of the city.

## McGorkey Hits Increment Law, Asks Change

### CIO Official Cites Yearly Loss to City Employees Under New Law

Stating that the yearly loss to employees of the city earning \$1,000 a year or less may amount to as much as \$275 under the Earle-Baldwin civil service increment bill, adopted this week by the Board of Estimate, Lucile McGorkey, president of the State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO, yesterday urged the Board to reconsider the measure.

Board members, speaking in the course of their discussion at the hearing, indicated that they did not believe that the total loss could exceed \$50 to \$60," she said. "I have today placed before them conclusive evidence of our contention that the loss in many cases will be very much greater."

The bill, approved by Mayor LaGuardia, saves the city more than \$200,000 a year in budget making at the expense of the low-paid employees.

Losses in mandatory pay increases, under the terms of the bill, will be caused to employees by causing them to wait until January and July each year to receive their legal salary increases regardless of the date of their appointment to the service. Heretofore low-paid employees received their increments each year on the anniversary of their appointment.

#### GIVES EXAMPLES

Miss McGorkey, in a letter to members of the Board of Estimate, showed how a first grade clerk, with a salary ranging from \$340 to \$1,200 a year, who entered the service on July 16, 1936, would lose under the new plan, which the Mayor said was just a "bookkeeping" proposal.

Under the old law, she said, the worker would receive his first increment on July 16, 1940, and additional increments on each succeeding July 16. His pay at that time would go up to \$1,080.

But under the amended law he would receive only \$960 per year for the latter part of 1941, or during the period from July 16 to Jan. 1.

Each year, she pointed out, the employee would lose increments under the amended law and when he reached the top of the grade his losses would total \$168.

Miss McGorkey further explained that a second grade stenographer, with a salary range of \$1,200 to \$1,800, would lose under similar conditions a total of \$275 when the top salary grade was reached.

The wage-cutting measure, which

## Begun Demands Council Probe Transit Setup

### Charges Nickel Fare Is Slated for Discard by Wall St. and Mayor

A thorough councilmanic investigation into all ramifications of the transit unification deal whereby the city will pay \$326,000,000 to Wall Street bankers and bondholders for the BMT and IRT subways was suggested yesterday by Isidor Begun, Communist Party legislative representative, as he urged the City Council committee on city affairs to adopt immediate legislation to protect the 5-cent fare.

"You have conducted lots of useless investigations, such as the investigation of relief," he told the committee. "Why not an investigation of the iniquitous LaGuardia-Delaney transit unification deal? Whose getting the money and why?"

"My guess is that if you make a real investigation of who is behind the transit deal you may have a basis for bringing serious charges that might result in the removal of high officials including the Mayor."

Begun appeared before the Council committee to declare support of the Communist Party for a resolution by Councilman Louis Cohen, Bronx Democrat, requesting the Board of Estimate to reject any proposal to increase subway fare after the city takes over the lines.

#### CIO LEADER SPEAKS

Support of the Cohen resolution was offered by I. F. Stone, spokesman for the 5-Cent Fare Committee; Gustave Strebel, president of the New York State Industrial Union Council; Councilman Salvatore Nino, Bronx Laborite, and Assemblyman Robert Wagner Jr.

"The Cohen resolution came just about on time," Begun told the committee. "I hope it is not too late. The tremendous danger is that the LaGuardia-Delaney group is talking about 5-cent fare at the very time they are getting ready to put over an increased fare."

He pointed out that the transit operation and maintenance plan submitted to the Board of Estimate by John H. Delaney, chairman of the Board of Transportation, was a plan to increase the fare.

"Point 5 of the plan states the lines shall operate at a 5-cent fare," Begun said. "But Point 8 states all operating and maintenance expenses shall come from revenue from fares. And, gentlemen, you and I know the revenue based on the nickel fare will not pay for operation of the lines. They will have to increase the fare. Point 14, which includes reference to the MTA law, shows how to do it.

#### ASKS 5-CENT GUARANTEE

"The lines are operating at a \$30,000,000 yearly deficit now. The honest way to do it is to make the 5-cent fare permanent and the City Council can prevent the Board of Estimate from raising the fare."

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Councilman Nino, while criticizing the Democrats for failure to act on an ALP 5-cent fare bill, stated he would support the Cohen measure to "focus public attention upon a very important problem."

Neither Councilman Nino nor Harry W. Lauder, both of whom attended the hearing, made any comment on the legislative action by the Council and a referendum as proposed by other opponents of the increased fare.

Opposition to the Cohen resolution was expressed by David L. Benetar, associate counsel of the Citizens Budget Commission, who said the 5-cent fare is "one of life's little fancies" which should be dispensed by increasing the fare to seven cents.

Other advocates of the increased fare were Herbert L. Carpenter, of the State Taxpayers Federation, Inc., and Summer Sartle, also representing a property-owners group.

was adopted unanimously by the City Council, was approved last Thursday by the Board of Estimate, with only Borough President James J. Lyons of the Bronx voting against it.

Opposition to the increased fare was led by the Bronx delegation.

On Monday delegates will visit the President to present the demands of WPA and relief women and will also visit their Congressmen.

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# Tennessee Mine Strikers Denounce F. B. I. as 'Gestapo'

## Mass Arrests by G-Man Hoover's Agents Called Government Strikebreaking Move

(By Federated Press)

ISABELLA, Tenn., May 10.—Bitter charges that the FBI had used "gestapo methods" in investigating the alleged dynamiting of TVA power lines serving the gigantic Tennessee Copper Co. in this barren valley were made here following the decision of the International Union

of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers (CIO) to terminate a nine-month strike against the corporation.

The union vote to end the strike was revealed by International President Reid Robinson of Denver, who also blasted the activities of J. Edgar Hoover's agents in this valley, the largest

producer of sulphuric acid in America. The strike was called in July 1939, with 1,200 miners and copper smelters answering the call in Isabella, Ducktown and Copperhill.

After closing down operations for several months, the union received its first setback when the company decided to reopen

its mines and smelting plants under the protection of more than 300 heavily armed special deputy sheriffs.

The presence of an AFL federal local, which had lost an NLRB election shortly before the strike was called, added to the complications of the strike situation in this isolated, mountain

region on the Georgia border between Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Robinson charged that FBI agents had arrested 20 unionists, including International Representative M. C. Anderson, who was in direct charge of the strike, on charges of conspiracy to dynamite TVA property and

halt the flow of electric current to the tall smelter furnaces and acid reduction plants.

P. C. Brainard of Denver, another international representative of the union, declared that federal agents had "herded strikers into a private concentration camp" at Copperhill, where they were held for six

days, questioned and threatened until five of their number signed confessions "under duress."

Brainard accused the FBI of violating the constitution they "took oaths to uphold" and of refusing to allow wives, parents and relatives of the accused men to visit them at the Hamilton county jail in Chattanooga.

Preliminary hearing for the

20 miners has been continued until May 13 by U. S. Commissioner James H. Anderson of Chattanooga. Bonds of all but Anderson were reduced to \$3,000 each, while the organizer's bond remained at \$25,000 despite a plea in his behalf by Assistant U. S. District Attorney William Badgett. Badgett recommended a bond of \$5,000.

## Greek Fur Union Wins Victory in Walkout, Blow at Government

Contract Called Best in History of Industry; Settlement Seen As Smashing Answer To U. S. Attacks

The six-months strike of the Greek Fur Workers Union Local 70, affiliated with the Furriers Joint Council, ended victoriously with the unanimous ratification by the strikers of the settlement with the United Greek Fur Manufacturers Association, providing the best agreement in the history of the Greek fur workers, John Vafades, manager of Local 70 announced yesterday.

The settlement was also a successful test for the union faced efforts by employers to use for their own ends the recent trial on a Sherman anti-Trust indictment. It is the Greek Association that engineered a scab organization and entered into an agreement with it. The head of that "union" Charles Salounias, and his partner Louis Loukas who were the star witnesses for the government.

Major points won by the union are: a signed closed shop contract (denied by the employers for two years); 11 months equal division of work and no discharge, compared to the eight months in the Joint Council collective agreement; two additional holidays with pay (Washington's Birthday and Good Friday), making a total of ten; two weeks trial period for newly employed workers, regardless of the number of hours worked, as against a trial period of 70 working hours formerly.

### ENDS TWO YEAR FIGHT

Other important gains are: one week's notice prior to discharge during the twelfth "open" month; one per cent payroll tax contribution to an unemployment fund by small employers who are not covered by unemployment compensation laws.

Another clause provides that in the event of an increase in the minimum wage scales in the Joint Council agreement which expires February 15, 1941, the increase shall also apply to the Local 70 agreement. A special joint committee will be designated within 15 days to study and report back on the wage scales of "piece plate makers" within 30 days. All other points of the old agreement, such as the 35-hour week, are retained. The new agreement expires Feb. 15, 1943.

This victorious settlement concludes a two year struggle for a written contract which began with Committee.



CALIFORNIA FLOOD CONTROL—The tower in this picture measures the future height of Shasta Dam, a government project to regulate the flow of water throughout the great Central Valley of California. What appears to be a sluggish stream, two short months ago was a raging flood that drove 6,000 people from their homes and caused \$15,000,000 in damage.

### TWU to Mark 24th Year of Connolly Death

#### Quill, Hogan to Speak At Exercises to Be Held Tomorrow

A commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the execution of James Connolly, Ireland's greatest Socialist, will be held tomorrow night at Transport Hall, 153 W. 12th St.

Davis to Speak On 'Native Son' at Workers School

Ben Davis, Jr., member of the editorial board of the Daily Worker, will lecture today on Richard Wright's outstanding novel "Native Son" at the Workers School Forum, 33 E. 12th St.

Connolly, the "guiding brain" of the Easter Week uprising, was shot by the British troops on May 12, 1916, and was the last of the leaders to face death.

Speakers at tomorrow night's meeting will be Michael J. Quill, international president of the Transport Workers Union; Peter J. McSwiney, brother of the martyred Lord Mayor Terence McSwiney of Cork; and Austin Hogan, president of the T.W.U. of Greater New York.

A concert program will include Seumas O'Doherty and Peter J. Gillespie, who will sing Irish songs.

There will be an Irish dance group.

Proceeds of the affair will go to aid Irish political prisoners.

### Ford to Speak On Situation In Mexico

#### Recently Attended Parley Of Mexican C. P. As Fraternal Delegate

JAMES W. FORD, national committee member and Negro leader of the Communist Party, will report on the present situation in Mexico to a mass meeting being held under the auspices of the Manhattan sections of the Party, on Wednesday night, 8 P. M., at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place.

Ford attended the recent Extraordinary Congress of the Mexican Communist Party as a fraternal delegate. He has first hand knowledge of the actions being planned by American imperialists and the reactionary Almazan forces in Mexico to wipe out the achievements of the Mexican people by armed revolt and block the progressive forces who are backing Camacho in the forthcoming presidential elections.

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#### TO GATHER MONDAY TO PUSH ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA

New York delegates attending the

National Negro Congress, held recently in Washington, will meet

Monday night in the Little Theatre

of the 1135th St. YMCA to lay plans

for an intensive and all-inclusive

organizing drive in the New York area.

Ful of enthusiasm and deter-

mination after returning from the

spirited three-day session in Wash-

ington, delegates and supporters of

the Congress will hear Dr. Max

Vergan, national president, outline

new plans of work for the New York

Council.

A committee on organization and

planning has already been selected

and will present a comprehensive

program of action as well as bring

in a new slate of officers to be

elected at the meeting Monday

night.

To reach the people of the com-

munity and spread the message of

the National Negro Congress, a

huge mass meeting where nationally

known speakers will be invited to

participate, will be held within the

next two weeks.

### CIO Chemists Demand FDR Disown Dies

#### N.Y. Chapter of FAECT Also Asks Arnold to Cease Attacks

A demand that President Roosevelt publicly declare himself against the illegal activities of the Dies Committee, and that Attorney-General Jackson cease aiding the Committee and take action against its agents for their illegal acts, was made in a resolution adopted at the May membership meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter 31 of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians.

The Chapter "unreservedly condemns the activities of the Dies Committee and calls upon said Committee to cease persecuting labor and progressive organizations," the resolution said.

#### HITS ILLEGAL RAIDS

The Dies Committee, the resolution states, "has spent its time and the people's money in attempting to discredit and smash the trade unions and other progressive organizations by false testimony, conducting unfair hearings and making accusations without granting the accused the right to testify, and by conducting illegal raids in order to intimidate the people from exercising their democratic rights."

The resolution accused the Committee of attempting to weaken or destroy trade unions "by timing its attacks against such unions as the American Communications Association, the Transport Workers Union, and the National Maritime Union exactly at times calculated to disrupt negotiations and organization."

### Negro Congress Delegates to Meet Here

#### To Gather Monday to Push Activities in This Area

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National Negro Congress, held recently in Washington, will meet

Monday night in the Little Theatre

of the 1135th St. YMCA to lay plans

for an intensive and all-inclusive

organizing drive in the New York area.

Ful of enthusiasm and deter-

mination after returning from the

spirited three-day session in Wash-

ington, delegates and supporters of

the Congress will hear Dr. Max

Vergan, national president, outline

new plans of work for the New York

Council.

A committee on organization and

planning has already been selected

and will present a comprehensive

program of action as well as bring

in a new slate of officers to be

elected at the meeting Monday

night.

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1940

### A Warning to The People

Gestapo-Man Hoover received a defense in the Senate Thursday which constitutes a grave warning to the American people.

The Roosevelt mouthpiece, Senator Josh Lee of Oklahoma, made the defense. In its course, he uttered the following fascist phrase:

"As a nation approaches the crisis there must be a temporary surrender of civil liberties in return for increasing efficiency in government."

Thus does this Roosevelt representative pull aside the curtain of Wilsonian "peace" assurances, to reveal the White House engaged in plottings to precipitate us into "the crisis," the imperialist war. The slaughter of our young men is all cut and dried, according to these brazen words of the Senator from Oklahoma.

And in the process of plunging us into the blood-bath, the Roosevelt administration proposes to fasten the degradation of fascism upon the American people. To promote a Wall Street "war for democracy," the people are to be stripped of all democracy.

Make no mistake, in the mouth of Lee were expressed the ambitions of the White House. "The surrender of civil liberties" has been the objective sought in the plug-ugly activities of J. Edgar Hoover, whose brutal acts in Detroit offended all decent Americans. That brutality the administration has supported to the utmost.

News reports state that Lee's anti-American statement "boomeranged" in Congress, speeding up the demand by liberal Congressmen for full investigation of Hoover. We hope it will "boomerang" thunderously among the people, against the White House war plans and its assaults upon civil rights.

### Mrs. Berger Sets an Example for Militants

For four decades, Mrs. Meta Berger was a member of the Socialist Party. She had served that party with distinction, on the Milwaukee school board and in other capacities.

Today she is no longer connected with "the inglorious role the party is playing," to use her own expression.

When on May 4, the widow of Victor Berger resigned from the Socialist Party because it "howls for the blood of Red witches" and aids the Allied Empires in extending the imperialist war, it was like the handwriting on the wall for the Norman Thomases and their ilk.

It was a reminder to all remaining honest workers in the Socialist Party that their place is not in the ranks of the Social Democracy, which is now carrying out its final vile performance as the court jester to the imperialist overlords.

In the service of the monopolists, Social Democracy puts on a false face of "Socialist" in order to defeat the attainment of Socialism. It serves as an informer to the imperialists against militant workers—an occupation in which the New Leader and the Call are now servilely engaged. It seeks to link the working people to the war machines of the imperialists, helping the Roosevelt ambitions here and shouting aloud in England and France for an extension of the blood-letting.

As Comrade Dimitroff declared on May Day: "The wiping out of Social Democracy in the ranks of the working class movement is a task not only of the Communist vanguard but of all honest militants in the working class movement, a task of the entire working class."

Mrs. Berger has made a contribution to this fight in stating that she "cannot run with the pack" of the Social Democracy. Her step can stimulate other militants to see clearly this cancerous abscess, as Lenin termed it, and join in cutting it out of the body of the American working class.

**A Rare Treat Tonight**

It will be a rare treat to attend the 18th Anniversary Jubilee of the Morning Freiheit, Jewish Communist daily, at Madison Square Garden tonight.

Earl Browder will be the main speaker. Paul Novick, the new editor of the paper, William Wiener, and Max Steinberg will also speak. In addition there will be entertainment of an exceptionally fine quality.

Besides, the meeting offers a great opportunity to register solidarity of the people against the growing attacks upon freedom of the press. For the Freiheit, in expressing the aspirations and struggle of the Jewish people, has been and is making an outstanding contribution to the fight for peace, security and Socialism. Support and good wishes for the Freiheit help to defend free public expression on every front.

The program begins at 7:30. The Garden ought to be packed.

### New C.P. Members Tell Why They Joined

What Does the Future Hold?  
Editor, Daily Worker:

My reason for joining the Communist Party of America is due to the great question that is going through the minds of the youth today: What does the future hold for me?

Here I am 24 years old, and, at present unemployed, with no prospects of a job in view. I have been out looking for work for several months, but, as yet, have had no results. All this is enough to make a person wonder why, in a country such as this is supposed to be, one person willing to work, cannot. Secondly, the war situation in Europe has me worried. Frankly, I hate imperialist war. But it has hit home to me that, as an individual, I can do nothing to prevent it unless I am affiliated with a definite anti-war movement, and know how to fight against it.

Therefore, I have joined the C.P. in the hope that through them I can learn what to do and how to do it, when it comes to improving the present dismal conditions affecting the youth of the world today.

A. G., 8th A. D., Bronx.

#### Dies Persuaded Me

Editor, Daily Worker:

One day while at home listening to the vicious attack on the radio by Dies against the Communist Party, I made up my mind to join. I am sure there are many others who feel just as I do, but haven't any contact with our Party. Therefore it is up to us to seek them out. Up to date I have recruited four new members three of whom were the kind I mentioned above.

The personal element in approaching a contact is most important. It is entirely up to you to establish friendly relations with the people, to learn their personal problems, and through the medium of these problems clear their political views.

Sylvia, Branch 3, Williamsburg Section.

#### 'The Party Means America!'

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Communist Party means America to me! I joined the Party because it seemed to me to be the only force that carried the bitter struggle to the people. It fights for jobs (I am unemployed)—for peace, (I am against the imperialist war), and for the rights of the national groups, (I am Jewish). If this democracy of ours is to last and be extended, it must be the people who carry on the struggle. The past few months have proven to me how logical and realistic is the program of us Communists. It makes me realize more and more how necessary is the work of the Party in carrying on its platform and how vital is the need for extending the circulation of the Daily and Sunday Worker, the only voice of and for the people like me.

B. S., 8th A. D., Bronx.

#### Communist Party Constitution Convincing Him

Editor, Daily Worker:

For why I joined the Communist Party I refer you to the Constitution of the Communist Party, for if I lived to be 500 years old I don't think I could give a better reason. It is the only humane national organization that has a platform for the immediate needs of the people, a broad social security program that is the means for the abolition of the sufferings and the apprehensions of the people for the present and the future time and that it is the only direct way to the fulfillment that we visualize for the future.

J. R., Branch 5, 3rd and 5th A. D., New York.

#### Fallacy of Social-Democracy

Editor, Daily Worker:

Watching with a growing dismay the progress of the reactionary terror through Europe in the past seven years, I was brought to the conviction that the Communists had, with precise and inexorable logic, exposed the fallacy of social-democracy—that social democracy had not in any past historical period and had not in the present, and could not in the future, free the workers from the bondage of the ruling class.

The outbreak of the present imperialist war put upon me an unrelenting pressure to act in my own behalf in the defense of my class, and for its progress.

Looking again with new eyes upon the Communist Party and the truths which they so boldly and incessantly expressed, I faced the greatest moral crisis I have ever known. I solved that crisis. Three weeks ago I joined the Communist Party.

S. C., Branch 5, 12th A. D., New York.

#### Sees Party's Interests Identical to Working Classes

Editor, Daily Worker:

I'm joining the Communist Party because of the following reason:

About five years ago I was working on a British steamer trading between England, Spain and the U.S.S.R.

During my stay in Spain I have seen the Spanish people struggle for their liberty and freedom and I have also observed that in Spain a great many mistakes were made by different organizations and political parties which were not leading the workers the right way.

The only Party that led the working class in the right way was the Communist Party.

This is the reason I am joining the Communist Party.

P. S., 3rd and 5th A. D., New York.

#### Slanders Backfire

Editor, Daily Worker:

Perhaps the outstanding event in the immediate past which brought about really conscious struggle on my part was the terrific campaign of slander and lies against the Communist Party of America and against the workers of the Socialist State of Russia. I recognized that the people who were uttering these lies were the very people whom I had already realized were my oppressors and enemies. I put it to myself in this fashion:

"If these people hate the USSR and the Communist Party so bitterly and are trying so hard to destroy them, then there must be something there which is very dangerous for them. And if something is considered very dangerous by my oppressors then, logically, that something must be very good for me."

This, I think, more than anything else, helped me to reach my comrades. And now I too am holding out my hands to the thousands and thousands of workers who are daily drawing closer and closer to us. We need you, comrades, and you need us; for the storm is increasing in intensity and the only way the workers can weather it and emerge victorious is by joining hands together in the fight for peace, in the fight for jobs, and in the fight for a new world.

D. M., Branch 5, 12th A. D., New York

by Gropper

### 100 Percent Union

By LOUIS BUDENZ

This May, 1940 will prove to be a labor month in a big way.

Opening with the magnificent "May Day vs. M-Day" demonstrations, its calendar will be filled with three historic trade union conventions.

These gatherings will leave their mark on the immediate future of the workers' organizations. The auto worker in Detroit, triumphantly celebrating his victory at General Motors, will feel their effects. The miner in Southern Illinois will not be untouched by their temper and decisions. They can do much to speed the militant industrial union movement of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, which has given such new hope and life to the workers of America.

Out in the heart of America, the city of the first May Day will welcome the heirs of the Haymarket martyrs, the delegates to the convention of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee. The battle of 64 years ago for the 8-hour day, which brought the working people of Chicago into a realization of their strength, has ever since been the inspiration for such sweeping movements as led to the creation of the SWOC.

#### HARVESTER ORGANIZED

It is appropriate that the delegates to the steel convention will be welcomed to the Windy City by a strongly organized Farm Equipment Workers organization, enrolled under the banner of the CIO. That union proudly includes the workers of the Harvester Trust, chief center of the 1886 battle, as loyal members of its organization.

The convention of the organized steel workers can do much to carry forward the fine declarations and decisions of its fellow-affiliate in the CIO, the Pennsylvania State Industrial Union Council, which met in Reading the first part of the month.

It can take its place in labor history with the United Mine Workers convention in February, which stated for the whole world to hear that "labor wants no war or any part of it" and that the battle in which the workers are interested is that against unemployment and insecurity.

The clouds of war lower over the homes of the American workers, with the Roosevelt administration taking the lead in the persistent effort to involve America deeper and deeper in the imperialist conflict. The Steel Workers Organizing Committee convention—representing such a large and vital body of workers—can be a great sounding board to rally all other workers, together with the mass of the people, against the White House war game and for the CIO determination to halt the war.

#### WITCH-HUNTING CHALLENGE

The witch-hunts of J. Edgar Hoover and Martin Dies—directed more and more against the CIO as well as the Communists—challenge the SWOC to utter an equally strong condemnation of these union-destroying assaults as were expressed by the miners and the Pennsylvania state council.

In organizing the unorganized, the SWOC under the leadership of John L. Lewis and Philip Murray, has great accomplishments to record. There still remain the matter of conquering Little Steel, of extending organization to the Birmingham area, of consolidating the union on a permanent national basis.

#### UNITY WITH FARMERS

Standing out before the convention are also the jobs of furthering the unity of the entire labor movement and of welding the workers, farmers, Negro people and youth in strong independent political action.

These considerations underline the outstanding character of this Chicago gathering, which opens next Tuesday, May 14.

The day before the convening of the SWOC meeting in the Middle West, another large affiliate of the CIO will be welcomed to New York. More than a week ahead of time a huge banner on the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union building on Union Square heralds this convention.

Twenty-five years ago, the ACWA was born in the sweatshops of Chicago and Manhattan. The AFL turned its back upon the thousands of needle workers in the men's garment industry, who had organized for the first time. The Amalgamated thus came into the American scene as an industrial union and as independent of the AFL.

With such traditions, every militant worker hopes that the Silver Jubilee convention will register the strengthening of the ties with the CIO of this organization of 250,000 members. They hope that the convention will recognize the war danger threatening America and will make its contribution toward the preservation of civil liberties and in the campaign against the war. They hopefully trust that the traditions of the Amalgamated will assert themselves, in support of genuine united independent political action by labor through an anti-imperialist Farmer-Labor Party.

#### ILGWU CONVENTION

In the ACWA currents and cross-currents are at work, which can make for steps forward or for steps backward. Whether the convention will record the progressive contribution that the ACWA can make, will depend upon whether the voice of the membership is heard loud enough in the convention halls.

Immediately after the closing of the ACWA's silver jubilee convention, delegates of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union will go into session, likewise in New York.

This congress of the ILGWU has a great responsibility to the workers of America. This is a union with a great tradition for militant struggles. "The uprising of the twenty thousand" in 1909 and the "Great Revolt" of the cloakmakers in the following year are monuments in union history.

Today there is no doubt that the official apparatus, led by President David Dubinsky, is set upon spiking the vigorous progress of the union-in favor of a return to the American Federation of Labor and of chaining the union to the Roosevelt war machine.

There will be courageous voices at the convention strongly speaking out against such a policy. The growing conviction of the membership that the union has to take the progressive path, both in support of the CIO and independent political action, was registered dramatically in the large vote for the Rank and File tickets in the elections for the convention.

The ILGWU, after its new high point in the Atlantic City convention of 1937, is losing its grip on the out-of-town market. Closer relations with the CIO would aid the organization of the unorganized. It is significant that since the leaders of the union have seen fit to weaken its ties with the CIO, the out-of-town mess has become a serious one for the entire organization.

The eyes of the American workers will watch the ILGWU convention with particularly close attention. They will note the destructive effects of Social Democracy at work, in the present leadership of that organization. Social Democracy will prove itself again to be that agency of the war-makers and monopolists built off the political corruption of certain leaders and privileged groups among the workers to injure the masses as a whole.

There is plenty of strength in the ILGWU to combat a leadership set on such a destructive path. If that strength makes itself fully felt at the coming convention, it will give great hope to all the workers.

Thus, in this trio of labor gatherings, will May prove to be more than an ordinary month for the common people of our country.



### Dies Cites Communists for 'Contempt,' Lets Fascist, Anti-Semitic Pals Go Free

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Five Communists face jail sentences of one year because they have refused to turn over to the Dies Committee the names of Party members for use as part of a huge blacklist.

They have been indicted by a Grand Jury in Washington for the terrible crime of "contempt" or the Dies procedure" followed by the committee in publishing a mailing list of the American League for Peace and Democracy in Washington.

When a mailing list of William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirts was spread upon the record, there was no charge of "sordid procedure," Dies said.

So it is worth noting right now that the Dies Committee has never at any time voted to cite for contempt a single member of the 800 fascist, Nazi and anti-Semitic organizations which exist throughout the country.

## Marx Exposed Nature Of British 'Democracy'

By HARRISON GEORGE

It just happens that the defeat of British imperialism in Norway (by German imperialism, which is neither better nor worse) coincided with the 122nd birthday of Karl Marx (May 5), who taught the workers of the world that any and all imperialism is their enemy, which must be defeated by their independent action if they are to escape the doom of starvation and war.

And, since a defeat to British imperialism is certain to be proclaimed by our pro-Ally warmongers as something so dreadful that Americans should rush right off to war to help England, it might be well to review what Marx wrote of the way British imperialism tried to stab the United States in the back when Lincoln was President and was fighting slavery and secession.

The mistaken idea that England is a "democracy" persists in the minds of those who forget that the British ruling class not only oppresses a half billion colonial slaves, but barbarously exploits the British working class, and is the implacable foe of any movement for human progress in all parts of the world, as well. Remember Spain!

"At no time in history," says Wells, "have the common people played a dominant part in the government of Great Britain." The Magna Carta secures liberties for the barons from all the main abuses of unqualified monarchy. It concedes no more rights to the church and common people than it does to cats and dogs." An English commoner is never even called a "citizen," but only a "subject."

Wells adds that:

"The mind of the British ruling class has remained barred against any understanding of revolutionary democratic ideas. The French revolution frightened them, and they pulled down the blinds on it."

Bernard Shaw describes best the source of Britain's imperialist quarrel with Germany when he wrote in "Man and Superman":

"An English gentleman is one who is bent on preventing the power of praying on his fellowman from passing into the hands of his neighbor."

But we wished to speak of Marx, who lived in London during our Civil War, and as a passionate supporter of Lincoln and abolition of slavery against the pro-slavery armed rebellion, wrote brilliantly of England's attitude and actions toward the struggle in America, as London correspondent of The New York Tribune.

The British ruling class was as bitterly opposed to Lincoln and the North, and as enthusiastically in support of Jeff Davis and the South, as the same ruling class was opposed to the People's Front of Spain and in favor of fascism and Franco.

But, as Marx exposed, they masked their sympathy for slavery behind hypocritical pretense that the Civil War was not concerned with the question of slavery, and a highly British "moral indignation" that the North was not fighting to end slavery, but was to blame for a "causeless and fratricidal war."

"Can we forget," Marx quoted The London Economist as writing, "that Abolitionists have habitually been as ferociously persecuted and maltreated in the North as in the South? Can it be denied that the government at Washington have for years supplied the chief impediment which has thwarted our efforts for the suppression of the slave trade?"

On this, Marx commented as follows:

"This is a masterly piece of logic. Anti-slavery England cannot sympathize with Mr. Lincoln's administration, because she had to find fault with Mr. Buchanan's administration. The necessity of justifying its attitude by such pettifogging Old Bailey pleads, proves more than anything else that the anti-Northern part of the British press, is investigated by hidden motives, too mean and dastardly to be openly avowed."

(Sept. 18, 1861).

When the Orleans princes, exiled from France by Napoleon III, went to America to join, Lafayette fashion, the armies of Abe Lincoln, The London Times sneered its disgust:

"They will derive no increase of popularity with the French nation from stooping to serve on this ignoble field of action."

How Marx does light into The Times for that British help to Napoleon III (marvelously blinded with a sneer at the United States), who himself while an exile in England helped to break a strike!

But the British ruling class did more than sneer at American democracy in crisis. Under Prime Minister Palmerston, it tried to organize in flat defiance of the Monroe Doctrine, an armed invasion by France, Spain and England itself, of Mexico, to smash the progressive government of Juarez, and seat in power a "government of priests and bandits," as Marx called them, as a puppet of London bondholders.

It wanted to do this while the United States was struggling for its life against armed rebellion and could do no more than protest. And yet The London Times lied brazenly by saying:

"The full assent of the American President has been given to the expedition."

British imperialism wanted the South to win, for it hoped always to get the United States broken up into two or more hostile parts, so it could play one against the other and finally manage to reconquer all it lost in 1776.

It recognized the Confederacy as "a belligerent power" and when the Trent case opened the opportunity, Palmerston's government eagerly seized upon the case of a U.S. Frigate stopping the British mail steamer "Trent," as an excuse for war—and had not Lincoln's administration apologized and made amends, it would have had to fight England and the Confederacy at the same time.

But look you, today, how Secretary Hull says nothing and does less about American mail steamers being stopped and mail seized by British warships!

Has Britain's ruling class become any more kindly disposed toward the United States than it was in 1865? On the contrary, there is no diplomatic knife which it does not use, quickly and effectively, to stab "American interests" in the back. But that is another story.

## 'Il Trovatore,' San Carlo Opera, WNYC, 8:30 P.M.

MORNIN	WNYC—Metropolitan Revue
11:30-WJZ—"Our Barn," Children's Program	5:30-WABC—The Mystery Adventure
WNYC—Band Concert	WJZ—Dance Music
11:45-WABC, WOR, WNYC—Opening of New York's World's Fair	WNYC—Police Department Musical Concert
AFTERNOON	WQXR—Interiors in Song in Cooper Union with New York Public Library
12:00-WABC—Opening of the Fair	5:45-WEAF—Description of Freshness Horoscope
WEAF—United Federation of Music	WHR—U.S. News
WJZ—Children's Forum	WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—American Education Forum	WJZ—U.P. News
WOR—Dance Music	WNYC—Children's Concert
12:15-WABC—Doris Lowe, News of Stage and Screen	WABC—Early Evening News
12:25-WABC—U.P. News	WQXR—Dinner
12:30-WOR—Trans-Radio News	6:05-WABC—News from Washington
12:45-WABC—Home in the Sky	6:15-WMCA—Adventures of Pinocchio
WOR—National Farm and Home Hour	WABC—U.P. News
WABC—"Let's Pretend," Children's Series	WHN—Sam Taylor's Sport Review
WEAF—Exhibition of Pump Collection of Los Angeles, Calif.	WOR—Sam Taylor, News of the Week
WEN—Greenwich House Music School Concert	WNYC—News
1:00-WEAF—I Am an American	6:30-WABC—Sports Extra
WEN—Time to Take It Easy	WABC—Sports Extra
WJZ—Dance Music	WJZ—Refugee of the Mounted Police
2:05-WNYC—Opera Hour	WABC—Dinner Fair Reporter
2:15-WABC—Tobacco News	WQXR—Dinner Concert
2:30-WABC—Tobacco Through Education Conference, Addressed by Dr. Wilhelm Van Loon	6:45-WEAF—Paul Douglas, Sports Results
2:45-WOR—Dancers vs. Phila. Phillies	WOR—Charioteers, Negro Mailmen
WABC—Brush Street Follies	WOR—Children's Forum
2:45-WABC—Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox	7:00-WNYC—Repeat of Masterwork Masterpiece
3:00-WABC—Tobacco	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
WJZ—Dance Music	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
3:20-WNYC—Rededication of the Court of Peace at the Fair	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
4:00-WEAF—Radio Music Festival from the Wisconsin School of the Air	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
WJZ—Julian Institute of Musical Art Alumni Recital	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
4:30-WNYC—Pals of the PAL	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
WQXR—Hour of Symphonic Music	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
WOR—Bob Gandy and a Band	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
4:45-WABC—According to Hoyte	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
5:00-WMCA—News	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
WEAF—Dance Music	7:00-WABC—Repartee of Masterwork Masterpiece
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## The Music of Serge Prokofiev

### A Sense of Mental Health Pervades Work of Soviet Composer, Says Critic

By Nicolas Slonimsky

Author of "Music Since 1900"

The music of Serge Prokofiev is probably the greatest single influence in Soviet music. Prokofiev belongs to the middle generation, standing between the composers who, like Glazunov and Vassilenko, were well known before the Revolution, and composers like Shostakovich, whose formative years were spent under the

Soviet Regime. While pre-Revolutionary composers had to be "naturalized" as Soviet musicians,

Prokofiev's music fitted without strain into the scheme of "socialist realism," as Soviet critics describe the essence of Soviet music. The evolutionary catalogue of Prokofiev's works shows an extraordinary constancy of purpose. There are no sudden changes of style, no incursions into self-denying classicism or sweeping modernism. There are no rejections, no "returns to Bach." Instead, there is a creative self-assurance.

In the early years of the Soviet Republic, musicians were apt to speculate on whether this or that composer was "constant" with the spirit of the new nation-born of revolution. Of contemporary composers, there were few who were as close in spirit to the new music of the masses as Prokofiev's cheerfully lyrical music.

Yet Prokofiev was a Westerner. He went eastward around the world in 1918, and he did not return to Russia until 1927. As a concert pianist and conductor of his own works, he was a familiar figure in Paris, Berlin, London, and New York. In 1934, Prokofiev settled permanently in Moscow, without abandoning his annual visits to Europe and America.

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Throughout this period, between his first tour in Russia and his final settlement in Moscow as a Soviet composer, Prokofiev's music underwent subtle changes in a direction away from the constructivist ideal of the European theatre and towards the self-sufficient design of romantic realism, the realism of human emotion. Distilling the three chief ingredients of his musical essence, dynamism, lyricism, and sarcasm, Prokofiev has formed a style with less sarcasm than in early works, while enhancing the lyric power, and leaving his youthful dynamism undiminished.

Prokofiev's creative biography starts at a very early age. He attempted to write an opera at the age of nine. The title was "The Giant," and it was in three acts and six tableaux, the libretto by the composer. It was written in piano score, and the vocal line followed the melody of the right hand. His second juvenile opera, "Desert Island," was partly scored for the orchestra by the ten-year-old Prokofiev, who by now was already taking regular lessons from Glazunov. At twelve he wrote a complete score of "Feast During the Plague" to Pushkin's story. Soon he entered the Petrograd Conservatory, where he studied composition with Rimsky-Korsakov and Liadov, piano with Eissipova, and conducting with Cherepnin. He graduated in 1914, winning the grand prize, a Bechstein piano.

Almost 50, Prokofiev is in a fortunate position among composers of the day. His music is accepted, not only by the sophisticates of the modern world, but by a great majority of listening audiences, both in Russia and abroad. In his native land, he holds no academic courses of the normal share of really bad pictures within the past few weeks. Hal Roach's "I,000,000 B.C." is probably the worst of the lot, an impossible hodgepodge of prehistoric fantasy; but it is closely followed by Roach's "Turnabout," which never manages to catch the spirit of the Thorne-Smith novel from which it was taken. Paramount runs Roach a tight second with "Typhoon," in which Dorothy Lamour parades in technicolor in a story which would disappoint even feeble-minded youngsters. Fox's contribution to the floppos series is "It Was An Adventure," with a hopelessly misdirected cast of excellent players.

He gets tangled up with a city slicker, an enraged mother, and a fastastically rich vein of borate and rides to a climax in one of the best chase scenes since the old serials—the sort of thing which would have saved "Destry Rides Again." The plot doesn't bear too much repeating but it does hold up while you're there—and the acting does better than that.

Beery can do this sort of thing in his sleep now and he has worked out quite a well-rounded characterization through the years. Leo Carillo can also play a hokum Indian without rehearsal. He does better than that, but his performance is marred by his character—the Indian who beats his squaw and just loves to be reviled by the mule-skinner.

Marjorie Rambeau, as the hotelkeeper who tries to protect her ambitious little daughter from using the city slicker as a way to the glamorous world outside, does a good job. Anne Baxter, the daughter, is extremely attractive, though a less sympathetic ingenue part hasn't been assigned in seasons.

Her young lover, played by Noah Beery, Jr., is another case of actor against part, fighting to a draw. There really is a story in the idea of the settlements of Death Valley, their exploitation by the chemical companies and the banks, and the ruthless scramble for frontier property rights. It is indicated in this script, but it gets lost in the sand flats. Maybe it's asking too much that someone treats the frontier seriously. We've been asking a long time.

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## On The Score Board

Another Reader  
on the  
Big Debate

By Lester Rodney

There are few more interesting subjects than that of sports life and fan interest. The informal debate started in this column by a Hartford reader last week continues today with the following contribution of J. C., Chicago. Needless to say, none of these letters necessarily represents the viewpoint of the column conductor—and with that rather pompous and unnecessary note we turn you over to reader J. C. . . .

It seems to me that Paul Sheller laid himself open to misunderstanding by discussing two questions at once: Why Americans are fond of sports in general, and why of professional sports in particular. Of course, some of the same reasons apply to both questions. In addition to some of the points already raised, there is also the fact that our not-so-distant frontier and pioneer days have left us a high respect for physical strength and skill.

However, isn't the main reason for the American interest in such professional sports as baseball to be found in the contradiction between our well developed system of public education, and a social system which produces 95 per cent (or 99 per cent might be better) trash for the educated person to read?

After all, if a man has nothing else to read in the morning but the Chicago Tribune, no wonder he turns to the sports page. The average American worker knows that he can't believe what he reads in the papers. Though he is unconsciously influenced to a certain extent by the propaganda dished out (otherwise, we'd have socialism by now), he knows that the most important news either doesn't get printed, or is distorted into lies, and that the publishers have their own axes to grind. Most important, he knows that the papers will not give him the answer to his real problems such as when he'll get a job, or how long he'll keep the one he has, or how he can make ends meet from one payday to another.

But on the sports page, here's something we can all understand. Of course, there's ballyhoo here too. But there are always the facts or percentages and batting averages from which we can each draw our own conclusions—any maybe once in a while we can go out to see a game and judge the players for ourselves.

Even if we read the Daily Worker, and have also learned to draw our own conclusions from a Tribune editorial as well as from the batting averages, baseball still has its attraction. Here is a struggle in which we know that every afternoon will bring a clear result (unless another May blizzard intervenes), leading to a final showdown by a certain date next fall. This is so much the opposite of everyday life, or of world political developments, that many of us get a small bit of relaxation, or variety, or whatever you want to call it, in following the Cubs or the Dodgers. What does it matter if the team is actually a conglomeration of skilled wage slaves from all over the country, who are traded from one club to another with no regard for their own preference? That doesn't take away the fun of speculating whether the Dodgers can keep it up—and of hoping that they will!

Under Socialism, things will be different. The drive to fulfill our first five year plan will grip the imagination of the American proletariat as no pennant race ever has! We'll all have more chance to participate in sports ourselves. But we'll still get a kick out of watching sports events or following the scores, whether it be the success of our factory team, or the rise of a shopmate to a tennis championship.



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# SPORTS DAILY WORKER SPOTS

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1940

## 26,000 SEE GIANTS ROUT DODGERS, 7-2; RED SOX HAND YANKS 7TH STRAIGHT DEFEAT

### Telephone '9' Rings Bell in 1st Labor Tilt

Telephone Employees slingers teed off on the south-paw slants of the Office Workers' Lefty Brownstein in the opening contest of the Trade Union A. A. diamond season Thursday at Central Park, trouncing the TUAA basketball titleholders, 13-4, to get a jump on the rest of League A.

Pounding Brownstein for twelve hits in the seven inning contest, the Telephone nine, a new affiliate of the TUAA, showed class in all departments of the game, consistent pitching, fine fielding, and a powerful batting punch.

Shonberg's single, a pair of combined field hits and a wild throw combined to give the Office Workers their big inning in the fifth, with all four of their runs crossing the plate in that round.

The remainder of League A will get under way today, with the Cleaners and Dyers-Cafeteria Employees contest opening the day's play at Diamond Twelve, Central Park. Lou Spindell, newly elected president of the TUAA, will throw out the first ball for the Cleaners contest.

### 5 Leading Hitters In Each League

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Player and Club G AB R H Pet.  
Wright, Chicago ... 19 74 15 29 .400  
Kubel, White Sox ... 17 54 9 21 .330  
McQuinn, St. Louis ... 18 75 12 27 .375  
Finney, Boston ... 17 73 12 27 .375  
Keline, Cleveland ... 18 67 14 25 .375

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Player and Club G AB R H Pet.  
Leiter, Chicago ... 19 74 15 29 .392  
Danning, Brooklyn ... 15 50 10 28 .396  
Medwick, St. Louis ... 17 47 9 17 .362  
Shoemaker, St. Louis ... 18 72 12 28 .371

HOME RUNS  
TROY, Indiana ... 7 Fox, Red Sox ... 27  
Fox, Red Sox ... 6 Lombardi, Red ... 16  
Kubel, White Sox ... 5 Finney, Boston ... 16  
McQuinn, St. Louis ... 5 Leiter, Cubs ... 15  
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